GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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GAS TO INDUSTRIES IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India Limited propose to make more natural gas available for industries in and around Delhi;

(b) if so, the quantum of gas presently supplied for industrial use other than for vehicular transport in Delhi, and the additional gas proposed to be made available for industrial use in Delhi.;

(c) whether motor vehicles based on CNG fuel are largely starving for fuel resulting in overnight queues at gas supply stations; and

(d) if so, the steps taken and proposed to be taken to augment CNG supply for vehicles in Delhi.?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The present gas supply to Delhi Vidyut Board for power generation in Delhi is 1.34 Million Standard Cubic Meters Per Day (MMSCMD) (Average for June, 2002). Presently, no additional gas is available for supply for industrial use in Delhi.

(c)&(d) In order to overcome the problem of long queues and to improve the availability of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) for transport sector in Delhi, Government have increased allocation of natural gas to Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) from 0.98 Million Standard Cubic Meters Per Day (MMSCMD) to 2.0 MMSCMD in the month of June, 2002. Further, IGL has planned to increase th number of compressors from 58 at present to 111 by June, 2003. This will increase the compression facility from 6.91 lakh Kg per day to 16.11 lakh Kg per day. IGL is also expanding its pipeline infrastructure and plans to increase the number of filling stations from 94 to 110 by March, 2003.